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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
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